

REMARKS

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 112

These rejections are moot in view of the amendments to the form of the claims.

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 102

The claims are rejected as allegedly anticipated by Aikens.

Aikens does not teach or suggest a method of curing or drying or a curing or drying additive composition.

The claims are also rejected as allegedly anticipated by Faris.

Faris also does not teach or suggest a method of curing or drying or a curing or drying additive composition.

The Office Action alleges that the "use of materials for drying is anticipated by Faris (par. 0034).

Paragraph 34 is reproduced below

The conductive ink according to this invention comprises the conductive flakes or platelets and a suitable carrier material. The carrier material is well known in the ink art (see, e.g., Chapter 18, p 523 in J. Michael Adams, Printing Technology, 3rd Ed., Delmar Publishers, Inc., Albany, N.Y., 1988) and is selected depending on the applications. It further comprises vehicles and additives chosen for tackiness, drying speed, adhesion to substrates, printing or painting methods, and other properties.

Faris merely teaches that the conductive ink compositions taught therein can comprise further vehicles and additives for a large number of purposes, including drying speed. Said further additives are not in any way taught or suggested to be the conductive flakes or platelets. Nowhere does Faris teach or suggest the use of the conductive flakes or platelets in a method for drying, or that the conductive flakes or platelets may be instrumental in accelerating drying, or the use of these conductive flakes or platelets in a curing or drying additive composition.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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